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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, MARR, USUN, LE, IS, XF
SUBJECT: SIILASVUO ON GUYER'S TRIP

1. I CALLED ON SIILASVUO FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON MAY 17. HE
INDICATED THAT HE HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE IMMINENT TRIP
OF UNSYG GUYER AND JONAH TO BEIRUT, DAMASCUS AND ISRAEL.

2. ONE OF MAIN PURPOSES OF TRIP, SIILASVUO SAID, WAS TO
DETERMINE GOL'S VIEW TOWARD CAIRO AGREEMENT. BOTH SIILASVUO
AND PRIETO (WHO WAS INVITED TO JOIN MEETING AT THIS POINT)
THOUGHT GOL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE A PUBLIC POSITION ON
THE CAIRO AGREEMENT. EVEN IF IT DID, THEY WONDERED WHAT
PRACTICAL RESULT WOULD ENSUE. BOTH THOUGHT THAT IN RAISING
THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME THE UN RISKED BECOMING INVOLVED IN
LEBANON'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. SIILASVUO CONFIRMED THAT GUYER WOULD ALSO SEEK MEETING WITH
ARAFAT. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, I SAID I THOUGHT THIS

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WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR A HIGH UN OFFICIAL TO DELIVER A
STRONG MESSAGE FROM WALDHEIM. SIILASVUO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
BUT LAMENTED THE FACT GUYER WAS NOT GOOD AT BEING FIRM. I
COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY JONAH, BUT HE
WAS NOT MUCH COMFORTED BY THE THOUGHT.

4. IS ISRAEL, SIILASVUO CLEARLY RESENTS GUYER TRIP AS

INTERFERENCE IN HIS BAILIWICK. COMPLICATING FACT THAT THE TWO DO NOT LIKE EACH OTHER, IS UNNY'S FEELING SIILASVUO IS TOO CLOSE TO THE ISRAELIS. THIS IS RECIPROCATED BY SIILASVUO WHO THINKS UNNY IS OVERLY CONCERNED BY DEMARCHES FROM THE SOVIETS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE PLO. SIILASVUO AND ERSKINE ARE CLEARLY GOING BEYOND UNNY IN TRYING TO PREVENT THE RETURN OF PALESTINIANS TO SOUTH LEBANON SINCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A DEMONSTRATION OF UNIFIL EFFECTIVENESS ON THIS POINT WILL ASSIST IN THE EFFORT TO GET ISRAEL TO SET A FIRM DATE FOR FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH LEBANON.
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